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SUBJECT: EXBS: MAY 2004 MONTHLY REPORT FOR SLOVAKIA,  
CZECH REPUBLIC AND HUNGARY

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SLOVAKIA

On May 11, 2004, EXBS Advisor attended a Country Law Enforcement Working Group Meeting hosted by the American Embassy in Bratislava. In attendance were Rob Myers, Embassy Regional Security Officer; Bill Flanagan and Daron Mrkva, Customs Attach Office Vienna; Jason Andrise, U.S. Secret Service; Deputy Director Imrich Schlosser, Border and Alien Police, Unit to Fight Against Illegal Migration; Captain Jan Minarovic, Diplomatic Police; Mgr. Alena Kurecova, Border and Alien Police Immigration Detention; Major Maria Buciova, Bureau of Justice & Criminal Police (Counterfeiting); and Captain Peter Sucha, Police Presidium/Anti-Organized Crime (Cyber Crime Unit).

Each attendee described his/her duties and then broke into smaller groups to discuss specific issues and concerns with their counterparts. EXBS Advisor met with Deputy Director Schlosser, Border and Alien Police, and discussed the upcoming RADACAD Training as well as equipment and training needs for the Border and Alien Police. Deputy Director Schlosser is very interested in finding funding for English language training for his officers on the Shengen border. Later, the American contingent attended a luncheon at the DCM's residence to discuss our impressions from the meeting.

On May 18, 2004, EXBS Advisor traveled with Slovak Directorate of Customs Director Eva Luteranova and Roman Marovec, Head of Border Crossing Control Section to Kosice Airport and the port of Vysne Nemecke on the Ukraine border. The purpose of the trip was to observe the Customs operations and complete an assessment at those locations. Photographs were taken of the Rapiscan Pallet X-ray System, for which EXRBS will be funding repairs and the Eberline Portal Monitors, for which EXRBS will be funding the upgrade to include Neutron detection capability. We also visited the Kosice Regional Customs Office and met with Kosice Regional Director Viktor Lehotzky. EXBS Advisor is currently preparing an assessment report for the Port of Vysne Nemecke.

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HUNGARY  
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On May 23, 2004, EXBS Advisor traveled to Ljubljana, Slovenia to meet with TDY EXBS Advisor Kevin Cummings and pick up thirteen Panasonic Lap Top computers for delivery to Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia as a follow up to the NIPS training that was conducted in August of 2003.

On May 25, 2004, EXBS Advisors Adkins and Cummings met with Charge-De-Affairs Janet Garvey and Keith Mines (Pol/Mil Officer) at the AMEmbassy in Budapest to introduce new EXBS Advisor Larry Adkins and discuss the status of EXBS Program in the Hungary. EXBS Advisors and Mr. Mines then met with Hungarian Customs and Finance Guard Deputy Head of Department Adrienn Magyari where we delivered four laptop computers, with NIPS software, as part of the NIPS training that was conducted last August. We also discussed having a press conference during the official delivery of the Mobile X-Ray Van that is to arrive in country on June 14, 2004. Press conference and official delivery date will be in late June or early July 2004.

EXBS Advisors and Mr. Mines met with Mr. Gyula Kocsis, Director General of the Hungarian Trade Licensing Office. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new EXBS Advisor Larry Adkins. We discussed their use of the Tracker System and how they adapted the system

to better meet their needs; the ICP training they received and their outreach program; and the Hungarian translation of the new EU laws governing export licensing. Mr. Kocsis indicated that the translation was poorly done and stated that they are trying to find funding to have an NGO translate the new law into proper Hungarian. EXBS should determine if any funding is available to help with this project.

EXBS Advisors and Mr. Mines also met with Major General Jozsef Bendek, National Commander of the Hungarian Border Guard. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new EXBS Advisor Larry Adkins and deliver two laptop computers, with NIPS software, as part of the NIPS training that was conducted last August. The Hungarian Border Guard requested any assistance we could provide in soliciting U.S. Border Patrol participation at the International Border Guard Conference to be held in Helsinki, Finland in September. This event usually has over 40 countries in attendance and they would sincerely appreciate attendance by a U.S. Border Patrol representative. This information has been reported to the Customs Attach Vienna. The Hungarian Border Guard has promised to provide additional details when they become available.

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CZECH REPUBLIC  
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On May 27, 2004, EXBS Advisors Adkins and Cummings met with Mr. Mark Canning (Polec Officer) at the AmEmbassy in Prague, Czech Republic. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new EXBS Advisor Larry Adkins and discuss the status of the EXBS program in the Czech Republic.

EXBS Advisors and Mr. Canning met with Deputy Director Vaclav Vosecky, Police of the Czech Republic, Directorate of Alien and Border Police. The purpose of the visit was to introduce new EXBS Advisor Larry Adkins.

EXBS Advisors and Mr. Canning met with Deputy General Director Vendulka Hola, General Directorate of Customs for the Czech Republic. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new EXBS Advisor Larry Adkins and deliver six laptop computers, with NIPS software, as part of the NIPS training that was conducted last August. We also discussed the possibility of a press conference for the official delivery of the Mobile X-ray Van during the last week of June 2004.

NOTE: Every foreign agency representative that we met with on this trip expressed extremely high praise for the work and professionalism of former EXBS Advisor Kevin Cummings and the EXBS Program in general.

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